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HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDS \$400,000 FOR SCHOOL NURSES ACROSS THE GEM STATE

BOISE –Fourteen districts will share \$400,000 to fund school-based nurses thanks to the Healthy Schools Program, administered by the State Department of Education.

The goals of the Healthy School Program is to increase the availability of health screenings and coordination with health providers, minimize barriers to health services, and boost community awareness around student health issues, and promote overall student health. The funding comes from the Department of Health and Welfare.

More than 30 districts and schools applied for the funding and 14 were awarded. Awards were based on school and community needs, as well as the overall merit of the program proposed. The competitive grant awards for the 2014-2015 school year ranged from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

The following schools and districts will receive funding from the Healthy Schools Program:

- American Falls School District
- Boundary County School District
- Caldwell School District
- Cassia School District
- Coeur d'Alene Venture High School
- Emmett School District
- Glens Ferry School District
- Jerome School District
- Lake Pend Oreille Alternative High School
- Melba School District
- Nampa - Sherman Elementary and Snake River Elementary
- Orofino Joint School District
- Weiser School District
- West Bonner School District

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